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As a professional computer user and a patriotic US citizen, I think we owe a debt of gratitude to Microsoft for providing the long-range planning for PC software packages which work seamlessly together. I know that many of the current players did not go through the confusing early years of PCs when users had to resort to writing their own software to get one application to transfer data to another. I did, and as an engineer who used computers as a tool I was very grateful when Microsoft established those interface standards to make the PC so much more valuable as a tool to help me solve my problems. And as new ideas came along I could count on Microsoft to rapidly incorporate them into its growing suite of tools.

I think this whole lawsuit is "Sour Grapes" by jealous competitors. And somewhat politically motivated. What if the government had not allowed Ford to innovate as new features for the automobile were developed? Would you have sued Sears for incorporating the Crescent Wrench in its suite of tools? If it hadn't been for Microsoft, the computer age would probably not have occurred. Instead of a lawsuit - they should be getting awards!

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